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## Final Closure and Cleanup of SES To Begin

**LOS ANGELES** -- The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will begin implementing an approved closure plan for the one-half acre Statewide Environmental Services (SES) facility located at 12618 South Main Street, Los Angeles. DTSC previously denied a permit to the site's former operators, citing repeated violations of the state's hazardous waste management laws.

"The implementation of this plan will enable DTSC to ensure community members that this facility will be closed safely. When the work is finished, the site will no longer pose a potential hazard to public health and the environment," said Ed Lowry, DTSC Director.

During the closure, workers will wear protective clothing and respirators while taking environmental samples and removing potentially hazardous substances.

When in operation, the SES facility was surrounded by industrial, commercial and residential land uses. Residences were located on the eastern and southeastern borders of the facility. No buffer zone separated the SES facility from neighboring residential properties.

SES began operations in 1973 in Los Angeles as R and R Industries. R and R Industries hauled industrial waste and worked with registered transporters authorized to haul hazardous and corrosive wastes. In 1981, R and R Industries was granted an Interim Status Permit (temporary authorization) from DTSC, pending approval of a hazardous waste facility permit.

In August 1990, SES purchased the business from R and R Industries and continued operations as an interim status facility. During May 1991, SES applied for a hazardous waste facility permit from DTSC. The application was publicized in the surrounding community comprising of light industrial, commercial and residential businesses and homes.

In August 1997, SES and the community were notified by fact sheet that DTSC intended to deny the SES application.

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